

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Security apparatus comprising:
~~— a receiver for receiving a security metric associated with a computer entity;~~
~~— means for presenting to a user the security metric;~~
— means for representing to a user a plurality of components of a computer platform;
— means for representing to the user interactions among the plurality of components;
and
— means for allowing the user to modifying a security setting associated with at least one of the plurality of components the computer entity to enable the modification of the security metric associated with the computer entity.
2. (Currently Amended) Security apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the means for representing the plurality of components comprise: the security metric is presented to a user as a representational model of means for representing software and/or hardware functionality of the computer ~~entity~~platform.
3. (Currently Amended) Security apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising input means for allowing ~~[[a]]the~~the user to interact with the modifying means to modify the security setting.
4. (Currently Amended) Security apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising means for providing ~~establishing~~ possible modifications to the security setting ~~based upon the received security metric~~.
5. (Currently Amended) Security apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~[[the]]a~~a level of complexity of ~~the presented~~ representing to the user the plurality of components

is selectable by ~~[[a]]~~the user.

6. (Currently Amended) Method for modifying the security status of a computer apparatus, the method comprising:

~~receiving a security metric associated with a computer entity;~~
~~presenting to a user the security metric;~~
representing to a user a plurality of components of a computer platform;
representing to the user interactions among the plurality of components; and
allowing the user to modifying a security setting associated with at least one of
the plurality of components ~~the computer entity to enable the modification of the security~~
~~metric associated with the computer entity.~~

7. (New) The method according to claim 6, wherein representing the plurality of components comprises:

representing software and/or hardware functionality of the computer platform.

8. (New) The method according to claim 6, further comprising:

presenting to the user possible modifications to the security setting.

9. (New) The method according to claim 6, further comprising:

allowing the user to select a level of complexity of representing to the user the plurality of components.

10. (New) A computer system, comprising:

a memory to store computer-readable code; and
a processor operatively coupled to said memory and configured to implement said computer-readable code, said computer-readable code being configured to:
represent to a user a plurality of computer components;
represent to the user interactions among the plurality of computer components; and
allow the user to modify a security setting associated with at least one of the computer components.

11. (New) The computer system according to claim 10, wherein representing the plurality of computer components comprises:

representing software and/or hardware functionality of a computer.

12. (New) The computer system according to claim 10, wherein the computer-readable code is further configured to:

present the user possible modifications to the security setting.

13. (New) The computer system according to claim 10, wherein the computer-readable code is further configured to:

allow the user to select a level of complexity of representing to the user the plurality of computer components.

14. (New) Method for modifying the security status of a computer component, the method comprising:

depicting a plurality of computer components;

depicting interactions among the plurality of computer components; and

allowing modification of a security setting associated with at least one of the computer components.

15. (New) The method according to claim 14, wherein depicting the plurality of computer components comprises:

depicting software and/or hardware functionality of a computer.

16. (New) The method according to claim 14, further comprising:

presenting possible modifications to the security setting associated with one or more of the computer components.

17. (New) The method according to claim 14, further comprising:

allowing selection of a level of complexity for displaying the plurality of computer components.